

House Resolution No. 4354

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Ben's Auto Body in Mexico, Missouri, which will be honored during the 24th Annual Commerce and Industry Dinner on October 14, 2008, at the Knights of Columbus Hall; and

Whereas, Ben's Auto Body has been a positive presence in the Mexico community for more than twenty-five years, during which time it has earned a reputation for well-trained and courteous customer service representatives and has become the only body shop in Missouri with an official deer crossing sign at its front door and to have its own train; and

Whereas, Ben Steinman opened Ben's Auto Body in 1981 in an 1,800 square foot building that was rented and unheated, and has expanded his business to include a 15,000 square foot facility and several well-qualified employees; and

Whereas, it was during a trip to Iowa in the mid 1990s that Ben saw a miniature train giving children rides at an outside festival when he decided to purchase a miniature train for the children of the Mexico community; and

Whereas, active in the Mexico Rotary Club, Mexico Elks Lodge #919, and the Travelers Protective Association, Ben Steinman made a trip to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina and helped coordinate the donation of various automotive repair tools from the Missouri/Kansas Chapter of the Automotive Services Association, of which he was president; and

Whereas, Ben's Auto Body is co-sponsor of Safety Town, of which Ben has chaired for seventeen years, and supports the Mexico Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, youth baseball teams, the Audrain Medical Center Auxiliary Auction, the Sunset Festivals, Mexico Relay for Life, Mexico Project Graduation, the Handi-Shop, and the Missouri Veterans Home; and

Whereas, Ben Steinman has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Shirley, who is an important contributor to the success of the body shop; his son, Nick; and his five stepsons, Mike, Eric, Dennis, Jeff, and Mark:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Ben Steinman and to Ben's Auto Body at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Ben's Auto Body.

Offered by _____
Representative Steve Hobbs
District No. 21

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4354, adopted October 10, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker